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SUSTAINABLE COASTAL TOURISM IN ASIA (SCOTIA) – PHILIPPINES

BACKGROUND



Through an alliance of conservation advocates and local and international tourism operators, the Sustainable Coastal Tourism in Asia – Philippines (SCOTIA-Philippines) Project will work with key partners and stakeholders to implement measures to reduce the impact and enhance the benefits from tourism to sensitive coastal ecosystems. Six areas are targeted under SCOTIA-Philippines, namely, *Balayan Bay in Batangas, Puerto Galera in Mindoro, El Nido in Northern Palawan, Moalboal and Mactan in Cebu, and Panglao in Bohol.*

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Mechanism : Contract

Period Covered: July 2004 – August 2007

OBJECTIVES

The over-riding objective of the project is the protection of the coastal and marine ecology in the project sites to promote tourism and increase the capability of the local community and tourism industry to manage these resources. The **SCOTIA** project aims to build local capability to increase sustainability, reduce the negative “ecological footprint” of the local community and the tourism industry, and increase the positive and sustainable aspects of coastal tourism.



TASKS



To help achieve the objectives in the proposed sites, SCOTIA is designed to:

1. assist hotels, resorts and dive shop operators to commit to specific activities and improvements to reduce their environmental impacts and to increase efficiency;
2. support Local Government Units, communities and other local stakeholders to increase recycling and composting in their areas and identify and implement affordable waste treatment and disposal systems; and,
3. assist hotels, resorts, dive shop operators, LGUs, communities, and other stakeholders to develop and implement “user fees” to help fund conservation and management of coastal and marine resources, including improvement of capacity of local communities to enforce and effectively manage their marine protected areas (MPAs).

